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Division of Oil, Gas and Mining Paul Baker, Minerals Program Manager c/o Leslie Heppler, Engineer P.O. Box 145801 Salt Lake City, UT 84114-5801 heppler@utah.gov

Re: Application for Transfer of Notice of Intention, Ameri-can Onyx Mining LLC (transferee)/Shamrock Mining Associates (transferor), Blindstream Honeycomb Mine, S/013/0004, Duchesne County, Utah

Dear Ms. Heppler:

I am writing on behalf of Ameri-can Onyx Mining, LLC ("Ameri-can Onyx") to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated August 12, 2015, concerning Ameri-can Onyx's Application for Transfer of Notice of Intention for the Blindstream Honeycomb Mine, S/013/004, located in Duchesne County, Utah. Ameri-can Onyx appreciates your prompt review and conditional approval of its Application.

Ameri-can Onyx has completed the requested Reclamation Contract (Form MR-RC) and is prepared to submit the required reclamation surety in the amount of \$31,600 for a 5-year escalation (until 2020). However, Ameri-can Onyx must wait on the Ashley National Forest's completion of an Environmental Assessment ("EA") and approval of its proposed Plan of Operations before commencing operations at the Blindstream Honeycomb Mine. The Ashley National Forest has indicated that these processes will be completed in November 2015, but such completion date is subject to Forest Service delay.

As a result, Ameri-can Onyx requests an extension of time to submit its completed Reclamation Contract (Form MR-RC) and the required reclamation surety, pending completion of the Forest Service's EA and approval of Ameri-can Onyx's Plan of

Operations. Ameri-can Onyx anticipates that the Reclamation Contract and reclamation surety will be submitted following Forest Service approval and prior to the summer 2016 mining season.

Please let me know if you have any questions concerning the extension of time. American Onyx appreciates your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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cc: Penny Berry, Minerals Program Bonding Coordinator

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